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OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER

MR. BILLARD'S ONE ISSUE

It's A Dead One This Year, But
He is One of a Few Who
Cannot See It.

Great Bend, Ks., July 10, 1914.
Hon. J. B. Billard,
Topeka, Kansas,
Dear Sir:

As a Democrat who has fought
the battles of honest Democracy
in Kansas for the past quarter of
a century, and a Democrat of the
staunchest Democratic counties
of the state, as the election re-
turns have always shown, I de-
sire to ask you a few questions
concerning the report I see in the
daily papers announcing your
proposed candidacy for Governor
as an Independent candidate:

Is it your intention to make
the campaign on the Resubmission
or Personal Liberty issue?

If you do so, what party do you
expect to draw the most votes
from?

What would be the best for the
state—the re-election of Governor
Hodges, or the election of either
Capper or Allen?

How would the cause of Re-
submission of Personal Liberty
be benefited or advanced by the
election of either Capper or Al-
len?

Do you not believe that if you
ran as an Independent you would
weaken the candidate of the Dem-
ocratic party?

Inasmuch as I have been a
strong admirer of your personal-
ity and your public career for the
past ten years or more; and inas-
much as I have, during the more
than twenty years that I publish-
ed a Democratic paper in this
Democratic county, and made a
consistent and untiring fight for
a re-submission of the prohibi-
tory amendment to a vote of the
people, so long as that was a Dem-
ocratic issue, I believe I am justi-
fied in asking an answer to the
above questions.

Barton county Democrats are
much concerned over the Gov-
ernorship, as well as all the can-
didates, both state and coun-
ty. They feel that our party is
now on trial in both State and
Nation, and that no Democrat
should at any time forget the
party weal, but that all should
pull together for the accomplish-
ment of the one purpose, i. e., the
success of our ticket from top to
bottom. It is with this end in
view that I am writing you in
their behalf.

Most respectfully yours,
WILL E. STOKE,
Chairman
Democratic County Committee.

Topeka, Kans., July 17, 1914.
Mr. W. E. Stoke, Chairman,
Great Bend, Kansas,
Dear Sir:

Yours of the 10th has been re-
ceived and contents carefully no-
ted.

Believing that your inquiries
are made in good faith, and that
you are a true Democrat from a
Democratic county that gave me
a large vote two years ago and
from which I am expecting strong
support this year, am pleased to
answer your questions, and will
try to do so in a plain, clear man-
ner.

Yes, my intention is to make
my campaign mainly on Re-sub-
mission and Personal Liberty is-
sues, which are real Democratic
doctrines.

In answer to your second ques-
tion, will say that I expect to
draw votes from all parties; ex-
pect to draw the support of all
true Democrats; and all Republi-
cans and Progressives who sin-
cerely believe in the rule of the
people and are willing to let the
people vote on Prohibition and
all other important public ques-
tions and submit to the will of the
majority.

In answer to your third ques-
tion, will say, that I do not con-
sider that it would be "better for
the state" if I were elected.

Capper nor Mr. Allen; in fact,
would consider the election of any
one of the three VERY BAD for
the State.

In answer to your fourth ques-
tion, will say, that I know the
cause of Re-submission or Per-
sonal Liberty would not be help-
ed by the election of either Cap-
per or Allen; but it WOULD BE
HELPED by my election.

Yes, I believe, my candidacy
will weaken the only candidate
for Governor now on the Demo-
cratic ticket; but it will also wea-
ken the Republican and Progress-
ive candidates. I also believe
that Governor Hodges cannot be
re-elected, even if I stay out and
that my running is the only hope
the Kansas Democrats have of
electing a Governor this year; be-
sides, my election would be the
triumph of true Democratic doc-
trines as proclaimed by Thomas
Jefferson, applied to present con-
ditions, and not that of one who
is Democratic in name only, and
who is trying to retain power by
hanging on the tail feathers of
the Republican Prohibition Scare
Crow.

You did not ask the question,
but will also tell you why I did
not run as a Democrat before the
Primary and try to secure the
Democratic nomination. Two
years ago, I announced myself as
a candidate, believing that any
citizen had a right to run for any
office he saw fit, without asking
the permission of the "leaders"
or bosses of his party. The self-
styled leaders of the Democratic
party considered that I was "but-
ting in" and interfering with their
Committee, instead of giving me
the fair treatment that every can-
didate is entitled to, before the
primary, worked as a campaign
committee for Mr. Hodges before
the primary just as much as, after.
By letters and messages they
made personal appeals to Demo-
crats all over the state to stand
by Hodges, and discredited me in
every way possible, even resort-
ing to base misrepresentations
and SLANDERS among the La-
bor Unions of Southeastern Kan-
sas. The same crowd is still in
control of the party, and if I had
ran as a Democrat, the whole
Democratic political machine
would again have been against
me with all the additional power
of the State Administration and
all its appointees.

Hence, have decided to run as
an Independent candidate, so that
all who are in accord with my
views, of any party, can support
me.

Am glad Barton county Demo-
crats are much interested in the
Governorship, and hope they will
give me the same hearty support
they did two years ago.

Yours respectfully,
J. B. BILLARD.

The above exchange of letters
between Mr. Billard and myself
explain themselves, to some ex-
tent, but a few words in comment
will not be amiss.

Knowing Mr. Billard had a
bunch of warm supporters in Bar-
ton county at the primary two
years ago, when he ran as a Dem-
ocratic candidate for the nomina-
tion as Governor, and that they
would want to know just where
he stood politically, this year I
wrote him as above, feeling sure
that he would answer the ques-
tions plainly and thus enlighten
his Barton county friends on the
on the matter of WHY he propos-
es to desert the Democratic cause
and come out as a free lance.

From his gentlemanly and
courteous reply to my letter the
voters will be enabled to PLACE
Mr. Billard in the coming cam-
paign. He will be running (if he
secures the proper number of
signers over the state) on a plank
having but one platform—re-sub-
mission.

He fails to explain how, if elect-
ed Governor, he would be able to
bring about re-submission. He
certainly knows that if the Re-
publicans and Progressives in the
last legislature had been as true
to their party pledges as were
the Democrats—and Governor
Hodges—an Initiative and Refer-
endum law would have been en-
acted which would have enabled
the people to call for a re-submis-
sion of AND law that was obnox-
ious to them. When all parties
pledged themselves and their rep-
resentatives to the enactment of
such a law, that took the re-sub-
mission of the prohibitory law
out of consideration as a politi-
cal issue. That enough of the
Republicans and Progressives
were "pikers," voting squarely
against their party pledges and
instructions, and defeating the
passage of such a law, does not
bring the issue back into politics.

We believe that Mr. Billard will
not be able to "get anywhere" on
his one-plank platform. And when
he is indicted in his later years,

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Bargains

the Democrats, I cannot conceive
why any Democrat voter should
throw away his vote in Mr. Bil-
lard's support. Should he suc-
ceed in drawing enough Demo-
cratic votes to defeat Governor
Hodges and elect either Mr. Cap-
per or Mr. Allen, he would be the
sole instrument in defeating, for
the next two years at least, any
possible chance for a referendum
law (which would mean re-sub-
mission) and thus aid the Re-
publicans to again block this
much needed legislation in behalf
of the people.

I sincerely hope that Mr. Bil-
lard will reconsider the matter,
and not be persuaded to lend him-
self as a Republican aid society;
I believe that 99 out of every 100
Barton county Democrats are
with me in this hope.

WILL E. STOKE.

Miss Mabel Shaffer of Hoising-
ton, visited a few days last week
here, the guest of Mrs. W. H.
Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Notney came
up from Hutchinson Wednesday
morning for a visit of a few days
with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Dick Swartz and baby
have gone to Colorado Springs in
the hopes that the change of cli-
mate will be of benefit to the
child who has been sick for some
weeks.

Charley Fankhauser made a
trip by auto to Haviland Saturday
night and visited there Sunday
with relatives and friends. His
brother, Edwin, returned with
him for a visit of a few days.

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for skin rashes, chap, pimples,
etc., try Doan's Ointment. 50c.
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Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hammer
and family were up from near
Ellinwood Wednesday on a shop-
ping trip and visit. Chris reports
things as mighty dry down that
way and says a rain is needed
badly.

Will Zutavern, who has been
in a most serious condition for
several months past, seems to be
improving some and is again able
to be up and around part of the
time, and was down town this
week for the first time in a long
while.

Senator Jouett Shouse, of Kins-
ley, candidate for the Democratic
nomination for Congress from
this district, was in the city Mon-
day morning on his way to Hois-
ington and Olmitz to look after
his political interests in those lo-
calities. While his nomination
seems practically assured, yet the
Senator is still waging a vigorous
campaign, and the indications are
that he is going to have a very
large majority in most of the
counties of the district, and it is
considered a conservative esti-
mate that he will receive around
400 majority in this county.

Col. Pat Keenan, the popular
and busy Seward auctioneer, was
in the city Wednesday on a busi-
ness trip and for a little visit
with his many Great Bend friends
Pat has been keeping mighty busy
this fall crying farm sales and
has a number of dates booked
for later in the season. Although
the youngest auctioneer in this
part of the country, he has made
an enviable reputation for him-
self in the business and his ser-
vices are always in demand. He
cried a big sale for Tom Banks,
near Seward, Tuesday, and says
that everything brought satisfac-
tory prices, cattle selling excep-
tionally well. One grade cow,
with a calf by her side, sold for
\$110.

Dr. and Mrs. Hardy McGreevy
returned to their home in Carmen,
Okla., this week after a visit here
with Mrs. W. J. McGreevy and
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Woodburn
and family and other relatives
and their many old time friends.
Mrs. McGreevy was formerly
Miss Viola Pelter, and like her
husband, was for many years one
of the leading school teachers in
this county. After moving to
Oklahoma both Mr. and Mrs. Mc-
Greevy engaged in teaching for a
number of years and had charge
of some of the best schools of
that state, and for two years Mrs.
McGreevy was superintendent of
schools of their county. Mr. Mc-
Greevy later took up the profes-
sion of dentistry at which he has
been very successful, and their
many friends here will be glad to
know that Mr. and Mrs. McGreevy

Howard Gunn was up from
Pratt county this week on a busi-
ness trip and for a visit with re-
latives and friends.

Mrs. F. M. McInnes and child-
ren of his city, and Mr. and Mrs.
Robert McInnes, of Ellsworth,
left last week for an outing in the
mountains.

Julius Reif, Jr., the Hoisington
wrestler, was visiting with his
friends and looking after business
matters in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zimmer-
were in from Clarence township
Wednesday on a shopping trip
and for a visit with relatives and
friends.

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